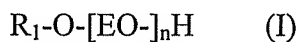


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

15-16. (canceled)

17. (previously presented) An ether alcohol/polyol-in-oil emulsion comprising at least one ether alcohol of the general formula (I)



where

$R^1$  is  $C_{1-3}$ -alkyl,

$n$  is on average 7 to 15,

EO is building blocks derived from ethylene oxide,

in an oil-immiscible ether alcohol/polyol phase, an oil phase and at least one emulsifier.

18. (previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that, in the general formula (I),  $R^1$  is  $C_{1-2}$ -alkyl, and  $n$  is on average 8 to 15.

19. (previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that the ether alcohol is a methanol ethoxylate with 7 to 13 ethylene oxide units.

20. (previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that at least 50% by weight of ether alcohol is present in the ether alcohol/polyol phase.

21. (previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that the ether alcohol/polyol phase comprises a cosmetic and/or pharmaceutical and/or agrochemical active ingredient dissolved in the phase.

22. (canceled)

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23. (previously presented) An ether alcohol/polyol-in-oil-water emulsion comprising at least one emulsion as claimed in claim 17 and additionally at least one aqueous phase.

24-25. (canceled)